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SUBJ: US FIRMS TO COMPETE FOR DESIGN CONTRACTS IN QATAR

1. GOQ PLANNING LIMITED COMPETITION FOR DESIGN OF TEN MINISTRY BUILDINGS. WE INFORMED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL THAT PARTICIPATION WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY, WITH ABOUT TWELVE ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS COMPETING. THREE OF THESE ARE EXPECTED TO BE US, ALTHOUGH FINAL SELECTION NOT YET MADE. OFFICIAL SAID THAT FIRMS WILL BE ASKED TO PREPARE DESIGNS FOR ALL TEN BUILDINGS AND WINNING FIRM WILL RECEIVE CONTRACT FOR TOTAL DESIGN PACKAGE. OFFICIAL NOTED THAT DUE LARGE SCOPE OF WORK, FIRMS INVITED WILL PROBABLY FORM CONSORTIA WITH OTHER ARCHITECTS.

2. COMMENT: IN WAKE OF RECENT SUCCESSES BY OTHER US ARCHITECTS IN SECURING CONTRACTS HERE (DOHA 0530), COMPETITION SHOULD PROVIDE FURTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICAN FIRMS TO PENETRATE LUCRATIVE DESIGN FIELD.
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